

Harvest Delight

Rating: ★★★★★

Prep time: 40 minutes

Cook time: 1 hour, 0 minutes

Makes: 6 Servings

Inspired by autumn vegetables found at farmers markets, Harvest Delight is an irresistible, brilliantly colored roasted vegetable and fruit medley side dish.

Ingredients

- 1 1/3 cups** Fresh green apples, peeled, cored, diced 1/2"
- 1/3 cup** Fresh carrots, peeled, sliced 1/4"
- 1 cup** Fresh sweet potatoes, peeled, cubed 1"
- 1 cup** Fresh butternut squash, peeled, seeded, cubed 1/2"
- 1/3 cup** Fresh red onions, peeled, diced
- 2 tablespoons** extra virgin olive oil
- 1/4 teaspoon** Sea salt
- 1 teaspoon** Fresh thyme, chopped
- 1 teaspoon** Fresh oregano, chopped
- 1 teaspoon** Fresh sage, chopped
- 1 teaspoon** Fresh rosemary, chopped
- 1 teaspoon** Fresh garlic, minced
- 3/4 tablespoon** maple syrup
- 1 cup** Fresh baby spinach, chopped
- 1/8 cup** Dried cranberries, finely chopped

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 425 °F.
2. You may place diced apples in a small bowl of water with a squirt of lemon juice to prevent them from browning. Drain when ready to use.
3. Steam carrots in a steam basket over high heat for 10 minutes or until soft.



Nutrition Information

Key Nutrients	Amount	% Daily Value*
Total Calories	93	
Total Fat	3 g	
Protein	1 g	
Carbohydrates	16 g	
Dietary Fiber	3 g	
Saturated Fat	0 g	
Sodium	103 mg	

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Fruits	1/4 cup
Vegetables	1/2 cup

4. Toss potatoes, squash, carrots, and red onions in a large mixing bowl with olive oil and salt.
5. Line a large baking pan with parchment paper and spray with nonstick cooking spray. Spread vegetables evenly on baking pan. Roast vegetables in oven at 425 °F for 25 minutes or until tender and slightly browned. Turn vegetables once midway through roasting.
6. In a large mixing bowl, combine apples, thyme, oregano, sage, rosemary, and garlic.
7. Remove vegetables from oven, lower heat to 400 °F. Add apple mixture to vegetables. Spread evenly. Return to the oven and roast for 15 minutes or until slightly tender.
8. Remove from oven. Drizzle with maple syrup and mix well. Return to oven.
Roast for 8 additional minutes at 400 °F until vegetables are fork-tender.
9. Remove vegetables from the oven and gently toss in spinach. Mix in cranberries. Serve hot.

Notes

Our Story

The recipe challenge team was formed when the students at The Guild expressed an interest in learning how to cook healthier, fresher meals. To meet this need, the Harvest Delight dish was created. It features locally grown ingredients seasoned with fresh aromatic herbs and a subtle taste of maple. It was served to the entire student body who were requested to complete an evaluation form. Over 90 percent of the students who evaluated the recipe rated it “very good” to “excellent.” The team was overjoyed with the recipe’s positive feedback. Who knew that sweet potatoes, butternut squash, carrots, spinach, dried cranberries, and apples could cause so much excitement? Your kids will be happy too when they taste this colorful and delicious blend of vegetables, fruits, and herbs.

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